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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MY, SN, ASEAN

SUBJ: RAZAK-LEE TALKS

REF: KUUJA LUMPUR 0406

1. DCM CALLED ON MFA UNDERSECRETARY IN CHARGE OF  
SOUTHEAST ASIA (YUSOF HITAM) JANUARY FOR DISCUSSION  
OF LEE KWAN YEW VISIT. YUSOF, WHO HAD APPARENTLY HAD  
CAREFUL BRIEFING SINCE AMBASSADOR'S TALK WITH DEPUTY  
SECRETARY GENERAL ZAKARIA ON JANUARY 22 (REFTEL),  
REPORTED THAT TWO-HOUR CONVERSATION HAD BEEN INFORMAL,  
FRIENDLY, AND FAR-REACHING BUT BOILED DOWN TO THREE  
IMPORTANT TOPICS: SHOWA MARU SPILLAGE AND QUESTION  
OF REGULATION OF SHIPPING IN STRAITS OF MALACCA;  
STUDENT DISORDERS IN BOTH MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE AND THEIR  
POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP; AND INDOCHINA (LAST TOPIC BY  
SEPTTEL). HE ALSO SAID SINGAPORE FONMIN RAJARATNAN  
AND MIN HOME AFFAIRS GHAZALI SHAFIE HAD LONGER, MORE  
DETAILED PARALLEL DISCUSSIONS.

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2. SHOWA MARU AND MALACCA STRAITS. YUSOF CONFIRMED THAT BOTH PRIME MINISTERS HAD AGREED TO A TRIPARTITE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE, PROVIDED INDONESIA AGREED, TO DISCUSS THE REGULATION OF THE STRAITS. BOTH PARTICIPANTS RETAINED THEIR RESPECTIVE LOS VIEWS, I.E., RAZAK STILL DEFINES THE STRAITS AS MALAYSIAN-INDONESIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND LEE DEFINES THE STRAITS AS OPEN SEA. DESPITE THIS, BOTH AGREED THAT TRAFFIC IN THE STRAITS WOULD HAVE TO BE REGULATED. THAT WILL BE CHIEF TOPIC OF UPCOMING MEETING. AFTER THREE NATIONS CONCERNED HAD REFINED THEIR VIEWS THERE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE CONSULTATION WITH USING COUNTRIES. BOTH PMS ALSO AGREED THAT ALL THREE COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSORT IN PRESSING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE AGAINST JAPAN.

3. STUDENT UNREST. ACCORDING TO YUSOF, THE QUESTION OF STUDENT UNREST WAS DISCUSSED EXHAUSTIVELY. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF CONTACT BETWEEN MALAYSIAN AND SINGAPOREAN STUDENT GROUPS. BOTH PMS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEGREE TO WHICH THEY INFLUENCED EACH OTHER. THERE IS ALSO A GREAT DEAL OF CONTACT WITH "NEW LEFT" STUDENT GROUPS IN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND HONG KONG. BOTH PMS FELT THAT THESE OUTSIDERS WERE PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STUDENT TROUBLE IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA. YUSOF QUICKLY ADDED THAT BOTH, PARTICULARLY RAZAK, UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WERE REAL PROBLEMS AND GENUINE STUDENT CONCERNS WHICH HAD TO BE MET. HE ADDED THAT NEITHER PM BELIEVED THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS HAD PLAYED ANY PART IN THE STUDENT PROBLEMS.

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